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APPENDIX A

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL 200003

LHC – DFBX FABRICATION, ASSEMBLY, Test and Shipping

PROPOSAL INSTRUCTIONS

I. GENERAL PROVISIONS

No provision is made for the reimbursement of the costs of proposal preparation.

Award of any subcontract as a result of this RFP is subject to availability of funds under the University's prime contract with the Department of Energy (DOE).

A. *Submission of Proposal*

A complete written proposal must be received at the designated BERKELEY LAB Procurement address (shown below) no later than **5 p.m. PST, January 17, 2003**. Telegraphic and telephone proposals will not be accepted. Mark the outside of the envelope "TO BE OPENED BY ADDRESSEE ONLY", and address proposals, in original and five (5) copies to:

University of California
Ernest Orlando Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory
For the Department of Energy
One Cyclotron Road
Berkeley, CA 94720
Attn: Mr. Ron Ball
Building 937/0202
RFP 200003

Proposals may either be mailed, hand-carried or submitted via facsimile as shown below. Hand-carried proposals should be delivered directly to Procurement, as shown above.

Offerors may submit facsimile as responses to this solicitation. The responses must arrive at the place, and by the time, specified in the solicitation. The facsimile number is (510) 486-4380.

Hand carried Proposals may be delivered in person to BERKELEY LAB Subcontract Administrator named above at Procurement, Building 937/0202. Hand carried proposals will be accepted until the deadline set forth above.

Proposals are to be binding for a period of *one hundred and twenty (120) days* from the proposal due date.

Late Submissions, Modifications and Withdrawal of Proposals (Jan 96)

Any proposal received at the office designated in the solicitation after the exact time specified for receipt will not be considered unless it is received before award is made and it:

- (1) Was sent by registered or certified mail not later than the fifth calendar day before the date specified for receipt of offers (e.g. an offer submitted in response to a solicitation requiring receipt of offers by the 20th of the month must have been mailed by the 15th);
- (2) Was sent by mail or, if authorized by the solicitation, was sent by telegram or via facsimile and it is determined by the University that the late receipt was due solely to mishandling by the University after receipt at the University installation;
- (3) Was sent by US Postal Service Express Mail Next Day Service-Post Office to Addressee, not later than 5:00PM at the place of mailing two working days prior to the date specified for receipt of offers. The term “working days” excludes weekends and US Federal holidays; or
- (4) Is the only proposal received.

Proposal may be withdrawn or modified by written or facsimile request from the proposer prior to the date of receipt of offers. Following withdrawal of its proposal, the proposer may submit a new proposal, providing delivery is effected prior to the established deadline.

BERKELEY LAB may modify any provision or part of the RFP documents at any time prior to the proposal deadline.

C. Acceptance or Rejection

BERKELEY LAB reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to accept any Proposal, and to waive any informality in any proposal. Minor deviations may be considered, provided the proposal fully meets the objectives of this RFP.

D. Requests for Supplementary Information

BERKELEY LAB may request the proposer to furnish such additional information as is sufficient, in the opinion of the University, to assure the University that the offeror or its subcontractor's technical competence, business and technical organization, plant facilities, and financial resource are adequate to successfully perform the contemplated work.

E. Proprietary Data

The BERKELEY LAB prefers that responses not contain proprietary information unless it is directly pertinent to the invited proposal. In the event any proprietary information is submitted, it must be specifically identified. The BERKELEY LAB agrees to exercise its best efforts to avoid release of proprietary data. Nevertheless, neither The BERKELEY LAB, its employees, or the Government shall not be liable, in any way, in the event such information is released. Furthermore, limitation shall not be imposed on the use of any information and data previously delivered to BERKELEY LAB or Government without limitations or published in any form as to be generally available.

F. Notice - Treatment of Proposal/Quotation Information

1. In order that the BERKELEY LAB may be in a position to use its best efforts in avoiding releases of restricted or proprietary information, or data which the proposer desires to be so safeguarded, the proposer shall specifically identify each page, including each line or paragraph thereof, which contains data to be protected. The cover sheet of your proposal/quotation must be marked with the "Notice" set forth below. It is the responsibility of the proposer to make the reference to this "Notice" on the cover sheet of its proposal or quotation on each page of the submitted proposal or quotation to which the "Notice" applies.

NOTICE

The data contained on pages _____ of the proposal/quotation have been submitted in confidence and contain trade secrets or proprietary information, and such data shall be used or disclosed only for evaluation purposes, provided that if a subcontract or purchase order is awarded to this proposer as a result of or in connection with the submission of this proposal or Quotation, the BERKELEY Laboratory (University of California) and/or the U.S. Government shall have the right to use or disclose the data herein to the extent provided in the subcontract or purchase order. The restriction does not limit the Laboratory's (University's) or Government's right to use or disclose data obtained without restriction from any source, including the proposer.

2. In the event the proposal contains identified proprietary data, the following article will be included in any resulting subcontract.

Article _____ RIGHTS TO PROPOSAL DATA (This article is intended to apply only to technical data and not to other data such as privileged or confidential, commercial or financial information.)

Except for technical data contained in pages _____ of the subcontractor's proposal dated _____ which are asserted by the Subcontractor as being proprietary data, it is agreed that as a condition of the award of this Subcontract, and notwithstanding the provisions of any notice appearing on the Proposal, the University/Government shall have the right to use, duplicate and disclose, and have others do so for any purpose whatsoever, the technical data contained in the proposal upon which this subcontract is based.

G. Release of Information

Publications, news releases, advertising, speeches, technical papers, usage of photographs, releases of information regarding this undertaking or data developed hereunder is encouraged but may not be made except upon prior written approval from the BERKELEY LAB contracting officer or designee.

H. Schedule and Anticipated Award

BERKELEY LAB's delivery schedule requirements are set forth under Appendix B. BERKELEY LAB's planned acquisition schedule is as follow:

Proposal Due Date:	<u>17 January 2003</u>
Award Of Subcontract:	<u>within 120 days of proposal receipt</u>

I. Type of contract Anticipated

A Firm Fixed Price Subcontract will be issued.

J. Payment, Retention, & Shipping Terms

Payment will be made on each deliverable with a five (5%) percent retention on all items with the balance to be paid upon delivery and final acceptance of each item by the BERKELEY LAB in accordance with standard BERKELEY LAB. No advanced payments will be made for any work in process (See Payment & Shipping Terms).

The University's standard payment term is net 30 days. Discount payment terms are requested but will not be used in pricing evaluations.

The University's standard shipping term for delivery at CERN, CH-1211, is FOB: Destination, Geneva, Switzerland. Proposer shall indicate in its proposal the proposed method of transportation.

K. Warranty

The following warranty shall be made a part of any resulting subcontract:

Notwithstanding any other provisions of this order, Subcontractor warrants that the materials, supplies or services furnished shall be of the most suitable grade and exactly as specified in this order. Such warranty shall include the following: Performance, Workmanship, Labor, Materials, Subcontractor's Design or Engineering Contributions. If a defect is discovered in any item of materials, supplies or services covered in this order, Subcontractor shall correct at its expense such defects as are reported within one (1) year of final acceptance. Upon expiration of the applicable warranty period, all such liability shall terminate except for fraud, or such gross mistakes as amount to fraud, latent defects or specific failure to comply with the terms of this subcontract.

BERKELEY LAB's standard warranty provisions cover all equipment furnished under any subcontract resulting from this RFP.

L. Acceptance

It is essential that delivery of the equipment and/or material hereunder be made as specified. Any written award or acceptance of offer mailed, or otherwise furnished to the successful proposer, would result in a binding subcontract. Final acceptance of the LHC-DFBX Feedboxes shall not occur until the system is delivered at CERN, CH-1211, Geneva, Switzerland. Final acceptance will be in accordance with LBNL, Technical Specification LBNL-M993, Appendix B and the DFBX Acceptance Specification LBNL-M989, dated 13 November 2002 (Attachment 1).

M. Negotiation

BERKELEY LAB intends to evaluate proposals and award a Subcontract without discussions with Offeror (except clarifications as required). Therefore, the Offeror's initial proposal must contain the Offeror's best terms from a cost, price and technical standpoint. BERKELEY LAB reserves the right to conduct discussions if the Subcontract Administrator deems it necessary. In the event it is determined that the number of proposals that would otherwise be in the competitive

range exceeds the number required for efficient competition, the Laboratory may limit the number of proposals in the competitive range to the most highly rated proposals. BERKELEY LAB will consider alternate offers if it meets all the requirements.

BERKELEY LAB reserves the right to reject all proposals or alternate proposals at its discretion.

O. Revisions

The University may, by written notice to all offerors, revise or amend this RFP prior to the due date for proposals. If, in the opinion of the University, the revisions or amendments will require material changes in proposals, the due date may be extended and offerors will be required to acknowledge receipt of any amendment.

P. Communications

Offerors shall direct all oral and written communications regarding this solicitation to the Subcontract Administrator shown below. This includes any perceived need for clarifications regarding the contractual and technical requirements of the solicitation. Direct communication with the University technical representative or Government sponsor of the requirement about this solicitation is prohibited and may result in the elimination of your proposal from consideration.

Ronald N Ball Tel No.(510)486-4513 Fax No. (510)486-4380
Principle Subcontract Administrator

Q. BERKELEY LAB Furnished Material/Government Furnish Material (GFM)

The BERKELEY LAB will furnish some material in accordance with the DFBX Technical Specification LBNL-M993, section 8, paragraph 8.3 and Attachment 3, with replacement cost value of each item.

The Subcontractor shall assume responsibility for all the material furnished in accordance with the Property Clause FAR 52.245-2, Government Property (Fixed Price Contracts) (Dec 1989), as modified by DEAR 952.245-2.

R. Liquidated and Ascertained Damages (ITEM 8 ONLY)

If the Subcontractor neglects, refuses or fails fully to complete the work within the time specified for **line item 8 only of the proposal form**, whether or not the Subcontractor's right to proceed is terminated under the clause in the General Provisions entitled "Default (Fixed Price Contracts)" subject to extensions of time duly granted in the manner and for the causes specified in said clause, the Subcontractor and its sureties shall be liable to the University and DOE for liquidated and ascertained damages at **(\$1000.00)**, for each calendar day that the work remains incomplete beyond the time herein fixed for the completion, it being hereby expressly and mutually agreed that from the nature of the case it would be impracticable and extremely difficult to fix the actual damage which would or will be suffered in the event that the Subcontractor should fail fully to complete the work within the time specified and it being further agreed that said amount herein provided for said liquidated and ascertained damages is reasonable and proper in the premises. The amount so charged may be deducted by the University from any moneys which might otherwise become payable to the Subcontractor.

If Subcontractor fails to complete the Work within the Contract Time, Subcontractor shall pay to University, as liquidated damages and not as a penalty, the amounts indicated below for each day after the expiration of the Contract Time that the Work remains incomplete. University and Subcontractor agree that if the Work is not completed within the Contract Time, University's damages would be extremely difficult or impracticable to determine and that the aforesaid amount is a reasonable estimate of and a reasonable sum for such damages. University may deduct any liquidated damages due from Subcontractor from any amounts otherwise due to Subcontractor under the Contract Documents. This provision shall not limit any right or remedy of University in the event of any other default of Subcontractor other than failing to complete the Work within the Subcontract Time.

S. *List of Documents Provided by the BERKELEY LAB*

- a. Technical Specifications, LBNL-M993, Appendix B
- b. Acceptance Specification LBNL-M989, Attachment 1
- c. Crating and Shipping Specification LBNL-M986, Attachment 2
- d. A list of GFM and their replacement values, Specification No. LBNL-995, Attachment 3
- e. Bill of Material (BOM) for DFBX-C/G, Attachment 4
- f. Drawing Package Attachment 5 includes a set of size B engineering drawings fully describing requirements for the fabrication of DFBX-C and DFBX-G. The drawing package consists of top-level assembly drawings and part drawings. Detailed fabrication drawings and BOM for DFBX A, B, D/H, E and F will be provided to the Offeror on or before 16 December 2002.
- g. Top level assembly drawing for DFBX A, B, D/H, E and F, Attachment 6
- h. Cryogenic distribution box flow schematics, Attachment 6
- i. Electrical Wiring Diagrams, included in Attachment 6
- j. Bus Ducts Installation Procedures, LBNL-M994, Attachment 7
- k. Instrumentation Conduits Installation, LBNL-M996, Attachment 8
- l. 600 Amp Vapor Cooled Lead Splice Specification LBNL-M982, included in Attachment 9
- m. 120 Amp Vapor Cooled Lead Splice Specification LBNL-M983, included in Attachment 9
- n. HTS Lead Splice Specification LBNL-M985, included in Attachment 9
- o. MLI Application Specification LBNL-M990, Attachment 10

II. SCOPE OF WORK AND DELIVERABLES

1. The following list details the Scope of Work to be performed:

- 1.1. The Scope of work included herein is for the fabrication, assembly and test of eight cryogenic distribution boxes in accordance with the Technical document, LBNL-993 Specification Appendix B.
- 1.2. Cryogenic distribution boxes to be delivered FOB destination CERN (Switzerland) receiving dock. The final acceptance tests to be performed at CERN as per Acceptance Specification document, LBNL M989 Section 4
- 1.3. Subcontractor to be responsible for packing and shipping to CERN from the Subcontractor's facility in accordance with the Shipping Specification document, LBNL-M986 presented in Attachment 2. The BERKELEY LAB will cover any import duties and customs if applicable.

- 1.4. The cryogenic distribution-box delivery schedule to be in accordance with the delivery schedule submitted by the Subcontractor's proposal in response to this RFP
- 1.5. Subcontractor to procure/fabricate all materials and hardware required to perform the work listed in this Scope of Work/Technical Specification, with exception of those parts listed as Government Furnished Material (GFM)
- 1.6. Subcontractor may start procurement of material and fabrication of components for all eight (8)-distribution boxes simultaneously if deemed to be necessary to meet production schedule.
- 1.7. Subcontractor to incorporate the GFM into the assembled distribution boxes in accordance with their assembly specifications.
- 1.8. Subcontractor to provide all necessary tooling, fixtures, instruments and cryogen needed during the assembly, handling, tests and acceptance procedures.

2. List of Deliverables:

- 2.1. Eight Manufactured and assembled cryogenic distribution boxes in accordance with the Technical Specification document, LBNL-M993
Delivery is FOB: Destination, Geneva, Switzerland to the following address:
CERN
CH-1211
Geneva, Switzerland
Att. Ranko Ostojic
- 2.2. All hardware or tools specifically designed, fabricated or procured by the subcontractor to perform acceptance tests after shipping to CERN and listed in Specification LBNL-M989 Section 4 to be delivered along with the distribution boxes.
- 2.3. Packing and shipping material and/or containers used to transport the equipment to CERN in accordance with Shipping Specification Document LBNL M986, Attachment 2.
- 2.4. Certified mill test reports of all materials used to fabricate deliverables to be provided to BERKELEY LAB prior to final acceptance. The certifications to include all processes and tests including 4K Charpy Impact test for parent and weld material.
- 2.5. Certification of all key welding personnel and equipment used to perform any welding task on the deliverables. All certifications to be current and up to date with all applicable codes and standards.
- 2.6. Completed traveler forms in accordance to the Acceptance Specification LBNL-M989, Attachment 1 and any exception reports generated by the Subcontractor during the fabrication and assembly of the components
- 2.7. All inspection and test data generated by the Subcontractor during the fabrication and assembly of components and systems.
- 2.8. All engineering design data generated by the Subcontractor including any as-built drawings in CAD readable electronic format and paper prints or red-lined LBNL drawings.
- 2.9. Subcontractor to submit monthly progress report to the BERKELEY LAB Subcontract Administrator. Reports to include technical status and schedule update

3. Post Award and Production Readiness Conferences

- 3.1. A post award conference will be held immediately after signing of the Subcontract to resolve any inconsistencies, errors, or omission in the BERKELEY LAB provided drawings or documents Production
- 3.2. A Production Readiness Conference shall be held at the Subcontractor's facility no later than 6 weeks after the subcontract is awarded.

Specific Discussion Items at the Production Readiness Conference:

- 3.2.1. Power leads installation procedures
- 3.2.2. Bus duct installation procedures
- 3.2.3. Instrumentation conduits installation procedures
- 3.2.4. Cryogenic sensors installation procedures
- 3.2.5. MLI fabrication and assembly plan
- 3.2.6. Schedule for GFM integration into the assemblies
- 3.2.7. Inspection and test plan
- 3.2.8. Vacuum leak check procedures
- 3.2.9. Assembly and Shipping plan and schedule

4. Conferences, Meetings and Reporting

- 4.1. Subcontractor to host a four-hour status meeting once a month at the Subcontractor facility to allow the BERKELEY LAB representative review progress. These meetings to be attended by the Subcontractor's Project Manager responsible for this project.
- 4.2. Subcontractor to hold a one-hour telephone conference meeting once a week with the BERKELEY LAB representative to provide project status.
- 4.3. Subcontractor to submit monthly progress report to the BERKELEY LAB Subcontract Administrator. Reports to include technical status and schedule update.

III. FORMAT AND CONTENT OF PROPOSALS

Offeror must submit (Volume 1) a business proposal and (Volume 2) a technical proposal that demonstrate its understanding of BERKELEY LAB requirements. In additions, Offerors that are determined to be in the competitive range maybe required to participate in an interview following a review of technical proposal at BERKELEY LAB.

Proposals are to be submitted on the Proposal Response Form provided. **Original and five (5) copies** of the proposal are to be provided. Offerors deviating from the format described below may be disqualified at the discretion of the University. The individual responses must address the questions stated in volumes I and II below. The response to each item must be self-contained, concise, and clear while giving enough detail to be complete. A response similar to "will comply" will not be considered responsive.

VOLUME I - BUSINESS PROPOSAL

Business proposal must complete the Proposal Form to address or contain the following to be considered responsive:

1. Complete and return with your Proposal the attached forms:
 - 1.1 Proposal Response Form

- 1.2 Representation and Certifications (RL-2358 REP) (attached)
- 1.3 Provide prompt payment discount
- 1.4 Offeror's Representative(s): Indicate by name and title the individuals responsible for contractual negotiations and the administration of any subcontract resulting from this RFP. These should include sales, technical, and contracts people.

VOLUME II – TECHNICAL PROPOSAL

Technical proposal must address or contain the following to be considered responsive:

1. Delivery Schedule

- 1.1 Delivery schedule as specified in the Response Form. **Proposal may be considered non-responsive** if unable to comply with the required delivery dates:
 - a. Provide delivery date and transportation terms as indicated in the Response Form.
 - b. All items to be delivered FOB: Destination. Transportation, crating, and shipping to paid by the Subcontractor, except for any import duties and custom fees if applicable, as shown in the Response Form.
- 1.2 Milestone Schedule of fabrication, crating, shipping, and arrival at CERN, Switzerland. The schedule shall state the number of major assembly stations required to meet the delivery schedule, and shall contain at a minimum the following milestones:
 - a. Production Readiness Conference
 - b. Submission of fabrication process plan to the BERKELEY LAB
 - c. Material procurement/subcontracting of major components
 - d. GFM installation
 - e. Final tests prior to crating and shipping
 - f. Shipping
 - g. Arrival at CERN

2. Understanding the Requirements and Technical Approach

- 2.1 Offeror shall document any discrepancies, conflicts, or exceptions taken to the BERKELEY LAB Technical Specification LBNL- M993 or any solicitation clauses as follows:
 - i. Explanation of any discrepancies,
 - ii. Explanation of any conflicts,
 - iii. Explanation of any exceptions taken, and
 - iv. Explanation of and supported advocacy rationale for any changes proposed to resolve discrepancies, conflicts, and/or exceptions.
- 2.2 Offeror shall describe the manufacturing and assembly processes and their approach for meeting the technical requirements listed in the BERKELEY LAB Technical Specification LBNL- M993 Section 3.12. Specifically, the Offeror shall describe their plan to achieve the technical requirements stated in fabrication

drawing number 25I137 and in the Acceptance Specification document, LBNL-M989 Section 2.1.4.

- 2.3 Offeror shall identify any critical fabrication process and the plans to manage this process to achieve the requirements stated in the Technical Specification document, LBNL-M993 Section 3.
- 2.4 Offeror shall describe the type of fabrication and assembly tasks they plan to subcontract and the plan to manage their procurement schedule.
- 2.5 Offeror shall describe the basis of crating shipping cost. Specifically, Offeror shall specify the transportation mode and the acceleration value used in the design of the shipping crate.

3. Production Facilities Management and Quality Assurance

- 3.1 Offeror shall provide a quality Assurance Plan which shall detail quality assurance procedures to be applied to the overall project that demonstrate the Offeror's capability to effectively manage the project, ensure all requirements of the specification are met, and produce a quality product.
- 3.2 Offeror shall list their major present or expected future projects, their scheduled fabrication start and completion dates and the size of the project in terms of dollar value and facility/production capacity requirements. Offeror shall describe facility/production capacity and the percent capacity that the DFBX production activities will occupy. Offeror shall address present or future potential scheduling conflicts resulting from unexpected increase in workload.
- 3.3 Offeror shall submit with its response to the RFP the following procedures applicable to the Scope of Work/Specifications in their response to the RFP:
 - 3.3.1 Vacuum leak checking procedures
 - 3.3.2 Welding procedures
 - 3.3.3 Cleaning procedures
 - 3.3.4 Cold shock procedures
- 3.4 Offeror shall submit certification for key welding personnel planned to work on the DFBX fabrication.
- 3.5 Offeror shall describe the experience of key technical personnel and the percent of their effort planned for work on the DFBX project. The Berkeley must approve reassignment of key personnel must be approved by the BERKELEY LAB.
- 3.6 Offeror shall describe the experience of key management personnel and the percent of their effort planned for work on the DFBX project. The Berkeley must approve reassignment of key personnel must be approved by the BERKELEY LAB.

IV. SELECTION CRITERIA AND AWARD

1. Evaluation Criteria

The LHC-DFBX Fabrication and Assembly are being acquired on a competitive basis. Each Proposal will be evaluated by BERKELEY LAB's evaluation team based on information supplied in response to this RFP. Non-BERKELEY LAB technical advisors may be utilized on the evaluation team to assist in the evaluation offers. Offeror must not expect the evaluators to be aware of the Offeror's expertise, prior experience, or other information that is not supplied with the response to the RFP. Only those proposals, which clearly demonstrate that the criteria are met, shall be evaluated. Offerors whose proposals do not meet the criteria shall be advised of that determination.

The evaluation factors are presented in descending order of importance. The first factor is more important than the second factor. Each of the evaluation criteria are shown below:

A. Price

B. Schedule

THE BERKELEY LAB will assess the merit and realism of the Offeror's proposed production and delivery schedule and plans. Proposed delivery schedule that exceed the RFP schedule requirements will be considered more favorably.

C. Technical Evaluation Factors:

The BERKELEY LAB will conduct an evaluation of the technical proposals submitted based on the factors listed below:

Factor 1 – Understanding the Requirements and Technical Approach-

BERKELEY LAB will evaluate the Technical Proposal, in particular, the following items shall be evaluated:

- (1) Technical Specification.** Offerors understanding of the requirements identifying and resolving critical fabrication processes to conform to the Technical Specification document LBNL-M993, and the Offeror's proposed delivery schedule. Specifically, BERKELEY LAB will evaluate Offeror's fabrication and assembly process proposed to meet the requirements listed in Volume II, Section 2.2 in this document.

Factor 2 –Production Facilities, Management and Quality Assurance–

- (1) BERKELEY LAB will evaluate production capabilities, equipment and milestone planning presented by the Offeror to accomplish this project, and to assess the merit and realism of the Offeror's proposed production and delivery schedule and plans.
- (2) BERKELEY LAB will evaluate the Offeror's demonstrated current and previous corporate, key management and technical personnel planned to be assigned to the DFBX project.
- (3) Quality Assurance and Quality Control Implementation - BERKELEY LAB will evaluate the Offerors Quality Assurance plans and procedures to be applied to the overall project and their ability to effectively manage the project, ensure all requirements of the specification are met, and produce a quality product

The BERKELEY LAB evaluators will review each proposal to determine whether the **Requirements** are met. If, in BERKELEY LAB's sole judgment, it is determined that a Requirement is not met, or the response does not fall within the allowance provided for in **Section III, the proposal may be rejected**. Proposed firm fixed price will be evaluated from the lowest to the highest and how the differences relate to the impact of the benefits defined in the Technical Specification.

The BERKELEY LAB evaluators may hold discussions with Offerors selected in the competitive range regarding clarifications relating to their proposal.

2. Selection process: Basis for Award

Award will be made to that Offeror whose proposal contains the combination of those factors offering the best overall value to the University. This will be determined by comparing differences in the value of proposed technical and management features with differences in cost to the laboratory. In making this comparison, the University is primarily concerned with making an award at the lowest overall cost to the University and secondarily concerned with technical or schedule performance. However, the University will not make an award based on a proposal with significantly inferior technical or management performance features in order to achieve a small savings in overall cost to the University.

After receipt and evaluation of proposals, a competitive range of proposals will be determined. The University anticipates there may be clarification required of those in the competitive range.